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1. THE EC COMMISSION IS NOW WORKING ON THE PAPER THAT WILL BE PRESENTED FOR THE OECD CONSULTATIONS ON STEEL (SEE REFTEL A). WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY A COMMISSION STEEL DIRECTORATE OFFICIAL THAT IT WILL DESCRIBE THE CURRENT DIFFICULTIES IN THE EC MARKET. IN REFTEL C PARA 3 WE REPORTED COMMISSION FIGURES ON THE DECLINE IN EC STEEL PRICES (A COUNTRY BY COUNTRY BREAK DOWN WAS MAILED O OCT. 23 TO EUR/RPE ATTENTION BRESLER). WE NOW HAVE THE MOST RECENT EC COMMISSION STATISTICS ON NEW ORDERS AND CRUDE STEEL PRODUCTION WHICH COVERS THE FIRST EIGHT AND NINE MONTHS OF 1975 RESPECTIVELY. (COPIES OF THE DOCUMENT HAVE BEEN SENT TO USOECD AND EUR/RPE.) THESE STATISTICS IN PART ARE REPRODUCED BELOW:

2. NEW ORDERS FOR THE EC STEEL INDUSTRY FOR IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS (WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE EC TREATY) IN MILLIONS OF TONS AND PERCENTAGES:

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YEARS

VARIATIONS

	1973	1974	1975	1975/74	1975/73
A. FROM WITHIN THE EC					
1ST 6 MON.	49.89	49.23	34.31	-30 PERCENT	-31 PERCENT
JULY	7.67	8.0	6.07	-24.5	-20.9
AUGUST	6.58	5.8	3.81	-34.6	-42.2

	1973	1974	1975	1975/74	1975/73
B. FROM THIRD COJNTRIES					
1ST 6 MOS.	10.99	11.41	9.20	-19 PERCENT	-16 PERCENT
JULY	1.46	1.886	1.21	-35.6	-17.5
AUGUST	1.75	1.802	094	-147.4	-45.9

3. EC CRUDE STEEL PRODUCTION FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1975
BY QUARTER - MILLIONS OF TONS

	1973	1974	1975	1975/74	1975/73
				PERCENT	PERCENT
1ST	36.5	39.35	36.31	-7.7	-.5
2ND	37.5	39.04	31.77	-18.6	-15.4
3RD	36.0	38.00	27.36	-28.0	-25.5

4. THESE FOLLOW THE PERCENTAGE DROP BY MEMBER STATES FOR THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1975 COMPARED WITH 1974: GERMANY -22; FRANCE -18.6; ITALY -6.8; NETHERLANDS -14.8; BELGIUM -29.1; LUXEMBOURG -20.4; UK -10.1.

5. THE EC FORWARD PROGRAM FOR STEEL FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER (SEE REFTTEL D) ESTIMATES FOURTH QUARTER EC STEEL PRODUCTION AT 29.95 MILLION TONS. THIS WOULS HAVE TOTAL EC CRUDE STEEL OUTPUT FOR 1975 AT 125.4 MILLION TONS, DOWN 19.4 PERCENT FROM THE 155.6 MILLION TONS PRODUCED IN 1974.

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